

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-24 and 26-27 are presently active; Claim 14-20 and 25 have been presently cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-13 have been previously canceled without prejudice, Claim 21 and 27 having been presently amended.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 21-24, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enable requirement, Claims 21-24, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement; Claims 21-24, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, Claims 21-24, 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to over the rejection(s) under 35 US.C.. § 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs, set forth in this Office Action.

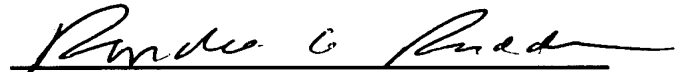
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of the examiner to detail amendments to the specification and claims that would place this application in condition for allowance. These amendments are presently submitted to the examiner to expedite allowance of this case.

Hence, the application is believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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